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Serial No: Not yet assigned	)	
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For: Hybridization Buffers Using Low Molecular	)	
Weight Dextran Sulfate and Methods for Their Use	)	

**Preliminary Amendment for Filing with a New Application Under 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

**Mail Stop Patent Application**  
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Examiner Tung:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with the filing of a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). Please amend the application as follows:

**In the claims:**

Cancel claims 1-8.

**In the specification:**

On page 1, insert the following paragraph at the top of the page, just before the section "Background of the Invention":

**--Cross Reference to Related Applications**